

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-51 and 53. Please amend claim 52 as follows.

1-51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently Amended) A ~~composition for use in a~~ method for identifying a nucleic acid sequence obtained from a *Bacillus thuringiensis* species plasmid ~~comprising a first computer readable medium having recorded thereon one or more nucleotide sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1 through SEQ ID NO:8283, said method comprising the steps of:~~
- a) isolating and purifying ~~total~~ DNA from a *Bacillus thuringiensis* species;
  - b) constructing a library of ~~DNA~~ clones from ~~the isolated and purified total~~ said DNA;
  - c) identifying the polynucleotide sequences of said clones ~~each~~ clone and making the polynucleotide sequences available on a data storage structure ~~second computer readable medium~~;
  - d) comparing the polynucleotide sequences ~~available in said second computer readable medium~~ with the nucleotide sequences on a ~~a~~ ~~said first~~ computer readable medium, said nucleotide sequences being selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1 through SEQ ID NO:8283, and
  - e) subtracting from said data storage structure polynucleotide sequences ~~from~~ ~~said second computer readable medium~~ that exhibit complete complementarity with said nucleotide sequences ~~from said first computer readable medium~~;
- ~~wherein one or more said polynucleotide sequences remaining in on said second computer readable medium data storage structure comprise *Bacillus thuringiensis* plasmid sequences encode proteins selected from the group consisting an insect inhibitory protein and an antibiotic biosynthesis protein.~~

53. (Canceled)